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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Ken TAKACHI : Confirmation Number: 2297  
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For: VARIABLE HAND SWITCH

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